

MINUTES-April
Board Meeting-Sakakawea Room
Thursday, April 11, 2002

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by board chair, Amy Benz. Board members who were present for the meeting were Laura Carney, Jack Rasmussen, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad. Marianna Malm and Bev Sandness were able to participate with board case discussion via conference call. ESPB office staff present at the meeting were Deb Jensen, Diane Weber and Janet Welk. Visitors present were Lori Ingwersen, Educational Testing Services (ETS) Regional Representative and Bill Peterson, legal council representative from the AG's Office.

Board members who did not attend the meeting were Chris Douthit, Randy Gordon and Doug Johnson

Bev Sandness informed that board that she will be retiring from the Minot Public School system. Therefore she will no longer be able to serve an elementary principal board representative. After retiring from the Minot School system, Bev and her husband will be moving to Bismarck. Janet reminded the group that Doug Johnson and Randy Gordon will also be leaving the board due to term completion. Jack Rasmussen informed the board at the last meeting that he will be moving out-of-state. Janet will contact the Governor's Office regarding the four new board appointments.

Kirk made the motion to approve the March minutes. Second was made by Dan. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Jack Rasmussen, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad.

The financial report was given by Diane. The March financial report showed total revenue received \$23,047.13; total expenses were \$21,791.29 with the net income showing \$1,255.84. It was pointed out to the board that a \$5,000 transfer was made from the money market account into the checking account. Diane also mentioned that to date that 40 applications are being held. These applications are five-year licenses which will be issued and monies deposited once the 2001-02 school year has been completed. *NDCC 15.1-13-19* Kirk made a motion to accept the financial report. Second by Laura. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Jack Rasmussen, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad.

Deb gave a presentation on the February national AACTE meeting and April 4-5 NDACTE conference. She also requested that the board consider program approval seminars with the PAAC & NDACTE next year to work on new expectations under the NCATE performance standards.

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The grant submission for Goals 2000 funds was presented and will be submitted by April 15th. A needs assessment survey on the aligning standards with curriculum and assessment will be circulated to inform those grant activities this spring. Deb also asked for and received board approval to help sponsor a professional development survey by the North Dakota school librarians.

The remaining balance of \$1969.31 in the current year's Goals 2000 Quality Professional Development grant was extended to September 30, 2002.

Discussion was again held on ESPB issuing credentials. Janet felt that there would be little or no programming required if ESPB would be responsible for the credentials. She felt that there would be no need to add/hire additional staff. Board members voiced concerns that they would like DPI to notify the educators of the change from DPI to ESPB issuing the credentials. The board would also like to see DPI be responsible for reviewing the credential standards prior to ESPB start to issue the credentials. The credential topic will be revisited at May meeting.

Lorne Ingwersen from ETS attended the meeting to discuss study results to determine the ND cut score.

CASES

Groven, Patricia (Administrative)

A motion as made by Bev to dismiss the request for inquiry. Second by Kirk. Motion carried. Administrative board members who were in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, and Bev Sandness and Kirk Welstad. Ms. Groven is employed with South Valley Multidistrict Special Education Unit in Hankinson. The request for inquiry was brought before the board due to code of ethics issues.

Kendal, James

Bill Peterson informed the board that Mr. Kendal did respond to the request for inquiry. Bill will proceed with the process of having his license revoked. Mr. Kendal will again appear on the May agenda.

Borchert, Kevin

Mr. Borchert would like to renew his educator's license. The renewal application was brought before the board due to offensive driving under the influence of alcohol on two occasions within the past year. Before the board makes a decision, they would like to see a summary statement from the treatment facility and court records. Mr. Borchert's license request will be placed on the May agenda.

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Cozelman, Matt

A motion was made by Jack to issue an initial, two-year license. Second by Kirk. Motion carried. Board members who were in agreement were Kirk Welstad, Dan Vainonen, Bev Sandness, Jack Rasmussen, Jack Rasmussen, Laura Carney and Amy Benz. Mr. Cozelman's license request was brought before the board due to his background check.

Keily, Michelle & Michael

Bill Peterson informed the board that he received their settlement agreements for suspending their licenses.

Thompson, Arthur

The board felt that the letter of support for Mr. Thompson appeared weak. Due the fact of Mr. Thompson's extensive background, the board would like documentation of alcohol treatment or evaluation. Mr. Thompson's license request will be placed on the May agenda.

Thorson, Kristi

No discussion was held regarding the request for inquiry on Ms Thorson. A response had not been received from Ms. Thorson. This request will be placed on the agenda for May.

Wolff, Harvey

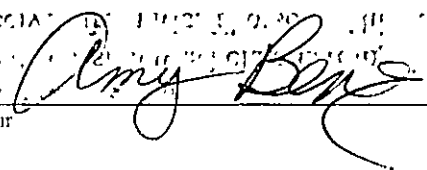
Bill Peterson informed the board that no response had been received from Mr. Wolff. This will be placed on the agenda for May.

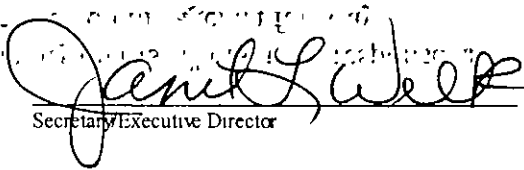
Worrel, Alan

Bill Peterson informed the board that no response had been received from Mr. Worrel. This will be placed on the agenda for May.

The board had discussion on the June retreat dates (24-26th). Several board members indicated that they would not be able to attend the retreat. It was decided that the May meeting be extended to an additional day, with the extra time being dedicated to discussion on legislative issues, early childhood endorsement, K-12 license in technology, national board, paraprofessional license and increase of board member stipend allowance.

The next board meeting will be May 9 & 10th at the Radisson Inn in Bismarck. The May meeting would take the place of the retreat. There was talk of possibly having a June meeting via conference call


Chair


Secretary/Executive Director